1	2	3	4	5	6
24.	Nagaland	21	2241.35	9	2544.66
25.	Orissa	12	2376.30	5	3748.42
26.	Puducherry	6	1610.88	3	25.00
27.	Punjab	1	397.89	2	1745.10
28.	Rajasthan	2	1554.46	6	2179.19
29.	Sikkim	27	6036.48	18	6685.85
30.	Tamil Nadu	13	2831.80	15	3246.14
31.	Tripura	11	1110.76	6	360.94
32.	Uttar Pradesh	7	2833.03	3	2416.15
33.	Uttarakhand	5	2081.04	2	2891.36
34.	West Bengal	12	3243.17	7	2851.73
	GRAND TOTAL	277	64513.23	205	76410.54

Survey of potential places for tourism

820. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a detailed study and survey of potential places for Tourism in India;

(b) if so, what are the details of such places;

(c) what are the short term and long term projects to develop tourism in India and the financial and other resources required therefor;

(d) whether there will be a time-frame to execute these projects; and

(e) whether there are any constraints in promoting Tourism with retrospective effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance for project proposals submitted by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations that are complete as per scheme guidelines, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

During the year 2007-08, the Ministry of Tourism sanctioned Rs.645.13 crore for 277 tourism projects to various State Governments/ UT Administrations for development and promotion of tourism.

Tourism project in Maharashtra

821. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many tourism projects have been received by Central Government so far from Maharashtra for grant of Central financial assistance;

(b) the projects considered for financial assistance till date, indicating the amount of Central assistance granted to each project;

(c) the project which are under consideration of Government for financial assistance to Maharashtra during the year; and

(d) the period by which the financial assistance would be released?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including the State of Maharashtra. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance every year for the Product/Infrastructure development of tourist destinations/circuits, Large Revenue Generating projects, Fairs/festivals/events and Information Technology projects to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

Project proposals which are complete as per guidelines, are appraised on the basis of *inter-se-priority* and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head during the concerned year.

The following projects have been received from the Government of Maharashtra for grant of Central Financial Assistance during 2008-09:

Sl.No.	Name of the project
1.	Pune Festival, 2008
2.	Major circuit development for Heritage Corridor for Aurangabad
3.	Major circuit development for Elephanta
4.	Major circuit development for the Marathwada Region
5.	SAPTRANG-2009 A Cultural Event
6	Mega circuit development for Eco-Tourism development scheme for Vidarbha Region
7	Destination development of Toranmal District Nandurbar

Out of the above, following projects, which were complete in all respects as per guidelines, have been sanctioned:

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
1	SAPTRANG-2009 - A Cultural Event	15.00
2	Mega circuit development for Eco-Tourism development scheme for Vidarbha Region	3738.19
3	Destination development of Toranmal District Nandurbar	356.86
	TOTAL :	4110.05